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From: Commanding Officer, USS LEXINGTON (AVT-16)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 1 JANUARY - 26 NOVEMBER 1991

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Command History
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(3) Pertinent Press Clippings
(4) Commanding Officer's photograph and biography
(5) Ship's Familygrams for calendar year 1991
(6) Ship's photographs [aerial (2)]
(7) Officer's precedence list as of 1 Jul 91
(8) Ship's last cruisebook
(9) Decommissioning booklet
(10) Decommissioning Ceremony on video cassette (VHS format)
(11) Decommissioning Ceremony still photographs
(12) Air World magazine with Lexington photo feature
(13) Detail and Scale magazine featuring USS Lexington
(14) Public Affairs Plan for decommissioning ceremony
(15) USS Lexington Press Pack for decommissioning ceremony
(16) USS Lexington last Plan of the Day

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (15) are submitted as this command's history for calendar year 1991.

William H. Kennedy
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BASIC HISTORY

1. Command History

Commanding Officer

CAPTAIN William H. Kennedy

18 Dec 1990 - 26 Nov 1991

USS LEXINGTON (AVT-16), homeported at the Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, is the only aviation training carrier in the U.S. Navy. The primary mission of the ship is to conduct carrier qualification landing and launches for student and fleet naval aviators. USS LEXINGTON is under the administrative control of Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and the operational control of Chief of Naval Air Training.

2. Summary of Operations/Events

January 1	Lexington inport NAS Pensacola, FL.
January 8	Annual Pensacola Junior College Alumni Dinner held on board.
January 15-26	Conducted carrier qualifications in the Key West operating area.
January 18	RADM Jimmy Taylor, CNATRA, visits while underway.
February 13	VADM Fetterman, CNET, visits while inport and appears on "Captain's Call."
February 19	Ship unable to get underway because of evaporator and boiler problems. First time cruise postponed in three years.
February 27	Lexington dressed in yellow banner in support of Operation Desert Storm troops.

Encl (1)

February 28 - March 8	Conducted carrier qualifications in the Key West operating area.
March 2	493,000th arrested landing by 1st LT Mohan, VT-7, in an A-4.
March 3 - March 5	MTT arrives, commences OPPE.
March 8	Lexington's last arrested landing made on number three wire by LT Kathy P. Owens for a total of 493,248.
April 3	VADM Boorda, Chief of Naval Personnel, visits while inport and addresses crew during "Captain's Call."
May 1 - May 5	INSURV team on board, commences (inport) Underway Material Inspection and Survey.
May 2	Lexington (under tow) moves back to NAS Pensacola after two years at the Port of Pensacola.
May 3	VADM Ready visits.
May 9	CV-16 Association visits during Naval Aviation Symposium.
May 10	300 visitors from CV-2 Association visit.
May 12	Public tours cease.

May 17	Emily Harrison of Emily Harrison Foundation (for serious head injuries) tours ship.
May 29	RADM McGowen, CNATRA, visit.
May 30	First DECOM lap brief to CNET, VADM Fetterman.
June 13	Crew moves to Auxiliary Personnel Living (APL-32).
July 3 - 4	Lexington decorated with U.S.A. flags for 4th of July Celebration.
August 2	Quincy, Mass., Mayor Sheets, visits.
August 8	DACOWITS meets with crew members.
August 8	RADM Scott (Ret.) of Corpus Christi, TX, visits.
September 11	Combined Federal Campaign 1991 drive starts.
September 16	Lexington crew's first practice for decommissioning ceremony.
September 25	Combined Federal Campaign poster girl presentation at quarters.
October 1	Lexington crew starts receiving commuted rations.

November 7	300+ members of the CV-16 "Blue Ghost" Association tour Lexington.
November 8	USS Lexington (AVT- 16) decommissioning ceremony; 3,700 attend. WEAR-TV 3 provides live coverage of ceremony.
November 13	All Lexington personnel move off of Auxiliary Personnel Living (APL-32).
November 14	WSRE-TV 23 (PBS) 60 min. live show on Lexington history at Naval Aviation Museum.
November 14	NBC TV Network News visit for WWII 50th Anniversary story.
November 19	Last crew's party held at NAS Pensacola's Lighthouse Point.
November 19	Auxiliary Personnel Living (APL-32) turned over to SUPSAP.
November 25	Auxiliary Personnel Living (APL-32) towed to Newport News, VA.
November 26	USS Lexington (AVT- 16) administrative decommissioning date.
December 13	Last person transferred. UIC 03318 terminated.

3. Special Topics/Statistical Totals Summary

Total Catapult Shots: 346,103 (305,562 CAT ONE; 40,541 CAT TWO)
Total Arrested Landings: 493,248